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Correspondence,
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Box 6, Folder 6

July 31, 1951 -
August 30, 1951

George
TYSON

July 31st 1951

Dear Batey

Your very welcome letter arrived this morning & I read it with interest & with the wish I could have been out there in San Francisco with you & have the pleasure of meeting your fine old father and mother. She must have been a very young girl when she started in with all the responsibilities of married life and I would say for me her record and that of your old man is a very wonderful one, especially so for producing and bringing up your very good self. However they have successfully survived that & the results are excellent. I am sorry to hear that your mother is troubled with that complaint which so frequently attacks us old people & that your father is beginning to show signs of slowing down. I hope your next letter will tell me a different story about them as well as about yourself.

As you say Sherman's loss is bad for all of us but I could not imagine a better man than Pennally to take his place. He would be much missed in Newport & I am selfish

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enough to hope they won't take her away
if there is anyone else just as good

Over here we are all happy and well
& busy for the whole of Europe is overrun with
tourists & many of them are our friends. Just at
present we have Cornelius Vanderbilt here with his
wife child & nurse. He is taking photographs
movies to exhibit around the country and we
have been driving him around the country helping
him as best we can. He tells us he already has
dates next winter at 180 places. He has been doing
this for years & I guess knows his job. Better go
and take them in if he comes near Newport.

Today our two daughters are lunching
with us & yesterday Perle gave a luncheon to
all the burgomasters or Mayors of Luxembourg
and about 120 turned up. Very pleasant and
complimentary speeches were made. Perle was
translated as she went along & one or two of
the mayors did make short talks in English.
They are the real people of this little country &
they all seemed to have a very friendly feeling
for Perle & her cause of her for all the rest of us.

I am going to give your letter to Perle &
Marguerite to read & I hope this will reach
you in Newport & find you in good shape and
happy about your parents. They send you their best
along with mine & I wish I could be there to welcome
you back.

Sincerely

Georg

P.S. Please send to Bess if he is there & to the Reading Room & to the

B.T.

Forty Wall Street

August 4, 1951

Dear Dickie:

Yesterday was truly an enjoyable day because of you. It was so very thoughtful of you to arrange such an interesting and pleasant stay in Newport. The lunch at the Clam Bake Club was one which will long be remembered. Only you could have done that quite so well. And, of course, all of us, and especially Iris, were tremendously impressed at the ability of even an admiral to capture one "gob" out of the thousands at Newport upon such short notice and with so little means of identification. (I told Iris that that was a "shotgun" date if ever there was one.) We also all greatly enjoyed the ride around the famous Newport estates.

I guess about the best thing in the world is a friend; and I guess the super-best thing is an old friend.

Affectionately yours,



Admiral Richard W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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8 August 1951

personal

Dear Dick:

Your letter of August 2 has been received, and I am pleased to have your comments relative to the qualifications of Vice Admiral Richard L. Conolly. I have taken the liberty of forwarding the summary of the Naval service of Admiral Conolly to Governor Warren.

With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Bill

William F. Knowland

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates
U. S. N. (Ret'd.)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
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8 August 1951.

Commodore R.W. Bates, USN.
Naval War College,
Newport, R.I.

My dear Commodore Bates:

I have been doing some research on the so-called Point Honda disaster which occurred on 8 September 1923 when seven U.S. destroyers of Squadron 11 ran aground on the California coast near Point Arguello.

Most of my material was abstracted from THE NEW YORK TIMES and THE ARMY-NAVY JOURNAL, the latter reference being given to me by Rear Admiral J.B. Heffernan, director of Naval Records and History. Both references cover the groundings and the proceedings of the Board of Inquiry which followed. But I am especially interested in the navigation of the Squadron from the time it left San Francisco at 0700 until it turned left prematurely and crashed on the rocks at 2106.

Testimonies concerning the cruise were given by both Captain Edward Watson, the Squadron Commander, and Lieutenant Commander Donald Hunter, skipper of the U.S.S. Delphy, the column leader. But these testimonies are mentioned only briefly without details.

I have been told that shortly after the disaster the Training Division of the Navy published a small, blue-covered booklet entitled, "Grounding Cases" in which the

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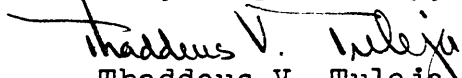
Honda tragedy was described fully, including courses, bearings, fixes, and the like. This is exactly what I'm looking for, but I've had no success with J.A.G., with The New York Public Library, or with the District Legal Office which carries only a very few of the old training booklets none of which deal with the Point Honda disaster.

I recall when I met you at Newport during my tour of duty on the ROC staff that you were engaged in historical research yourself, and it occurred to me that you may possibly be familiar with the material I am after.

I shall indeed be grateful to you, Sir, if you would kindly advise me if such information is available in one form or another at the Naval War College library, and if arrangements could be made for me to borrow the material for about a week.

I sincerely hope that your own work is progressing to your satisfaction.

Very respectfully,


Thaddeus V. Tuleja
Lieutenant, USNR

Staff, Commander Eastern Sea Frontier

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CONTINENTAL AIR COMMAND
MITCHEL AIR FORCE BASE, NEW YORK

THE COMMANDING GENERAL

10 August 1951

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Rafe:

Your very thoughtful gift of a Canasta set has just been received. Its assignment will be to the same B-17 in which we travelled together, and I trust that its endurance may take me until retirement and bring continued good luck to me at all altitudes and all directions.

Many thanks and best personal regards.

Sincerely,



WILLIS H. HALE
Major General, U.S.A.F.
Commanding

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REAR ADMIRAL JAMES FIFE, U. S. N.

10 August 1951

My dear Rafe:

Your very kind and thoughtful letter of congratulations dated 6 August has just reached me. Coming as it does from you and considering the beating you have taken through the years, it is very touching. I am extremely appreciative and will never forget it.

Again many thanks and with best wishes to you and yours -

Most sincerely yours,

Jimmy

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN
U. S. Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

10 August 1951

Dear Rafe:

I have two letters of yours to answer and I want to thank you particularly for the last one with your congratulations and regards of the Bohemian Grove. I am tickled to death to be doing exactly as I am and know that I had no real chance to get the top job. The doings in the Grove sound as pleasant as ever and I am sorry that I never was able to go back. The letter about your job I have turned over to Fechteler with the recommendation that you finish the job as planned.

Lillian joins in very best wishes and again many thanks.

Sincerely,

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN (Ret)
Naval War College
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R. W. Bates,
Rear Admiral, USN (Ret).
Naval War College
Newport, R.I.

Dear Admiral Bates:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 7, together with your check in the amount of \$54.15.

We sincerely regret the misunderstanding regarding the price of the beach jacket, which was entirely the fault of our salesman in not quoting you the price of the jacket which he brought up from the stockroom, and which was delivered to you.

As you are aware, we are operating under Ceiling Price Regulation 7, under the Office of Price Stabilization, which means that very often we will have in our stocks the same item at two different prices.

In this case, the \$39.50 jacket was new stock received by us on an increased cost and priced under C.P.R. 7 at \$39.50.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience you have been caused and we are enclosing our Credit Memo in the amount of \$4.50.

Yours very truly,

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As of July 1, 1951, the New York Yacht Club has entered into a collective bargaining agreement with the Hotel and Club Employee's Union - Local #6, A. F. of L., representing Bartenders, Waiters, Cooks and Kitchen Helpers employed by the Club.

As a result of the agreement, the Bar and Grill Room will be closed on Saturday and Sunday until further notice.

All other Club facilities, including Private Dinners, Luncheons, Cocktail Parties, Banquets and bedrooms will be available as in the past.

HOUSE COMMITTEE
NEW YORK YACHT CLUB

AUGUST 15, 1951

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Munsan-Ni, Korea,
17 August 1951.

Commodore R.W. Bates, USN (Ret),
Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Rafe;

I might have known that my old and good friend Rafe Bates would write me the encouraging letter that he did. Nothing is more gratifying than to receive letter of approbation from my best friends. As long as they and General Ridgway approve of our actions at Kaesong I feel there is little left to be desired.

This job of trying to negotiate with the Commies is the most frustrating one I have ever tackled in my life. You and I have respect for logic and reasoning but not so the Commies. They make a bald assertion, such as "you are wrong", entirely unsupported by facts, and then contend that they have completely refuted the UNC's argument. Their attempts to defend their stand on the 38th Parallel on the basis of military realities have been merely a reiteration of our arguments. Patience, firmness and a certain degree of toughness seems to be the only policy that has the slightest effect on their arrogant attitude.

As I write we are pinning our hopes for breaking the current deadlock on the recommendations of a sub-committee which I proposed yesterday and to which the Commies agreed. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain by such an informal, 'let down your hair', discussion. It may be the golden bridge by which the Commies will find a way to retreat from their adamant 38th Parallel stand and thereby save face. At any rate I have my fingers crossed.

You flatter me by asking for my recommendations concerning possible subjects for War College study. Since we will probably be obliged to deal with the Commies for many years to come my only suggestion at this time would be an intensification of study on Communist psychology. I do not know to what extent you study psychology at the War College but it seems to me increasingly important to all of us that we try to understand what makes the Communist, particularly Oriental, think and act as he does. I'm learning (to a certain degree) the hard way.

I am glad you asked the McKinnis family to look us up. We shall look forward to meeting them when the Battle of Kaesong is over.

Were Martha here with me at our camp at Munsan-Ni I'm sure she would join me in wishing you all the best. Please give my warm regards to Dick Conolly also.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Turner

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON

18 August 1951

Dear Rafe:

Thank you for your congratulations
and your expression of confidence in me. I
hope that I may justify that confidence. It was
most kind of you to write me.

Sincerely,

Bill

W. M. FECHTELER
Admiral, U. S. Navy

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
MILITARY SEA TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

21 August 1951

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Rafe:

Thank you very much for your recent letter of congratulations. It was most thoughtful of you to remember me so promptly.

I am looking forward very much to the opportunity of reading your extensive study of THIRD Fleet operations and will be very happy to give you any comments that I may be able to make in regard to it. I envy you the opportunity you have to so thoroughly study the operations of the war and have great respect for the thoroughness of your work.

I hope that by now all the alterations to your offices are completed and that you no longer have to suffer under conditions of having one foot in a can of paint while carpenter's hammers are dinning in your ears.

Please do not hesitate to call on me at any time for any help that I can give you in regard to THIRD Fleet operations or any odd chores in Washington.

Sincerely,

Ralph E. Wilson

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. E. Wilson", is written over the typed name "Ralph E. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER

Oakland Tribune
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

August 27, 1951.

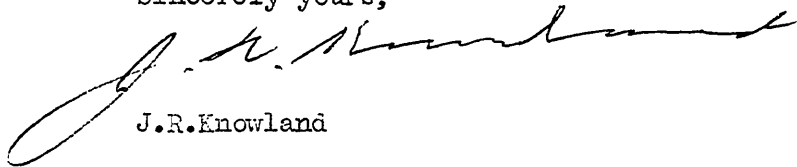
Admiral R. W. Bates,
Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Admiral Bates:

Replying to your letter of August 2, which I had temporarily laid aside, let me state that I am not a Regent of the University of California.

The situation at the present time, according to the newspapers, seems to be deadlocked. There has been quite a bitter contest among the Regents on the question of professors signing oaths that they are not affiliated with the Communist party. This issue may have crept into the decision to be made on the matter concerning which you write.

Sincerely yours,



J.R. Knowland

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CALVIN. BATES

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Admiral Connelly
FROM : Bates
SUBJECT:

DATE:

1. Here is Knowland's reply. This is the father of the Senator. Evidently the letter was prepared by the staff for the old gentleman is an old friend of mine.

Thanked

Hate

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1951

Dear Richard:

It was fine to see you in Newport and at Hyannis, and I'm only sorry that we couldn't have seen more of you. It was kind of you to go to the exercises and patiently listen to my little speech. It was real backing to have you there.

Due to your thoughtfulness, we had a delightful afternoon and evening at Ted's place which all of us enjoyed. Saturday night was most enjoyable since Carolina sang at length for us. She has a wonderful voice and is so generous with it! I'm sorry you couldn't have stayed on.

When you come this way, Rafe, do come and see us. We have great affection for you.

Sincerely,



John L. McCrea
Vice Admiral, U. S. N.

Commodore Richard Waller Bates, USN (Ret.)
U. S. Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Annapolis, Maryland

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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30 August 1951

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN
U. S. Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

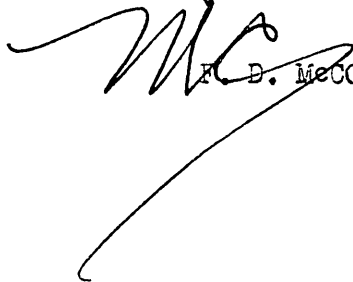
Dear Commodore:

I want to express to you my sincere appreciation for your kind letter of 3 August and for the many facets it has opened for me in connection with our development of our International Law Course for our midshipmen of the First Class. I also want to thank you for getting me in series with one of your stalwart helpers, Frank Virden. I am sure with this aid we will be able to send these young gentlemen to sea in 1952 more ready to discharge their responsibilities, International Law wise, than would otherwise be the case.

I plan to discuss with the Superintendent the matter of requesting the correspondence course in International Law. The fact is the matter isn't entirely jelled because we also have in mind consulting our present over seas commands, Admiral Carney and Admiral Joy with the hope that whatever action we take will be that which will render the more solid benefits to the midshipmen. I note your correspondence course refers frequently to Fenwick's International Law. The JAG likes this and so do we. It would seem if we elect to utilize this text that such would be helpful to officers when they later take the N.W.C. Correspondence Course in International Law.

Again many, many thanks.

I'll leave about the first week in October to take command of the NEW JERSEY. Before that time we hope to whip into shape the International Law Course.

Sincerely

F. D. McCORKLE

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